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SUBJECT: REACTION OF LEBANESE POLITICAL LEADERS TO THE U.N.  
RESOLUTION

1. IN INITIAL PUBLIC REACTIONS TO UNSC RESOLUTION 425,  
MARONITE LEADERS HAVE LABELLED IT INADEQUATE WHILE MUSLIM  
FIGURES HAVE ENDORSED IT.

2. NLP LEADER CAMILLE CHAMOUN SAID MARCH 20 "THE RESOLUTION WILL  
NOT SOLVE THE PROBLEM", WHOSE CRUX IS "ELIMINATION OF THE ARMED  
PALESTINIAN PRESENCE" IN LEBANON. NLP SECRETARY GENERAL  
DORY CHAMOUN ON MARCH 19 AFFIRMED THAT THE PALESTINIANS WERE  
RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DISASTER IN SOUTH LEBANON. HE ADDED THAT  
HE HAD RECEIVED INFORMATION THAT THE PALESTINIANS WERE SEEKING  
CONFLICT WITH THE CHRISTIAN FORCES IN THE COUNTRY, AND HE WARNED  
THE PALESTINIANS NOT TO DO SO.

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3. FORMER PRESIDENT SULIYMAN FRANJIYAH HAILED THE "HEROISM"  
OF THE FATAH GUERRILLAS WHO CARRIED OUT THE MARCH 11 TERRORIST  
ATTACK BETWEEN HAIFA AND TEL AVIV, BUT BLAMED THE PALESTINIAN  
LEADERS FOR PROVIDING THE ISRAELIS WITH AN EXCUSE FOR  
ATTACKING AND OCCUPYING SOUTH LEBANON. LIKE CHAMOUN,  
FRANJIYAH DID NOT THINK THE STATIONING OF U.N. FORCES IN SOUTH

LEBANON WOULD "SOLVE THE PROBLEM."

4. PHALANGE LEADER PIERRE GEMAYEL SAID THE STATIONING OF U.N. TROOPS "WOULD NOT KEEP THE DISASTER AWAY". HE SAID A MEETING OF CHRISTIAN AND MUSLIM LEADERS SHOULD TAKE PLACE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO DISCUSS THE OVERALL SITUATION IN LEBANON.

5. ON THE OTHER HAND, FORMER PRIME MINISTER SAIB SALAM SAID "I WELCOME THE RESOLUTION PASSED BY THE SECURITY COUNCIL, ESPECIALLY SINCE THE ARAB DELEGATIONS IN THE U.N. SUPPORTED IT." FORMER PRIME MINISTER TAQI-AL-DIN SOLH DESCRIBED THE RESOLUTION AS A BLOW TO ISRAELI ARROGANCE. BAHIJ TAQI-AL-DIN, A DRUZE DEPUTY AND MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL MOVEMENT, SAID THAT LEBANON COULD NOT EXPECT A BETTER RESOLUTION. HE EXTENDED HIS CONGRATULATIONS TO AMBASSADOR GHASSAN TUEINI. PARKER

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